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Councillor to province: Deal with coyotes before children attacked

by **Marco Patrone**

A Brampton councillor is urging the province to deal with the growing coyote population there, before someone is attacked.

"I certainly don't want to see somebody get bitten, attacked or anything like that," said Jeff Bowman, Brampton Councillor for Wards 3 and 4, "especially if it's a young child being bitten or attacked."

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Missing Brampton Woman found Dead



Police are investigating the suspicious death of a 28-year-old Brampton woman.

The body of Kara Clark was discovered in Brampton Friday afternoon and identified as the woman reported missing last Thursday.

A passerby made the grim discovery in a ditch off Castlemore Road and Humberwest Parkway then called police just after 2:30 p.m.

Kara Clark was last seen alive July 18 leaving a home not far from where her body was discovered.

Police spokesperson Const. Lori Murphy says an acquaintance of Clark's reported her missing July 20.

Homicide investigators and missing persons bureau are treating her death as "suspicious."

They don't know how she died but an autopsy is scheduled to try and determine cause of death.

Anyone who may have information as to what happened to Kara Clark is asked to contact police.

Brampton church to beef up security after arson

by **Marco Patrone**

A Brampton church is boosting security that could include surveillance, after a suspicious fire caused "cosmetic damage" to the building early last Sunday morning.

"We're definitely looking at increased security," said Father Roman Galadza, the Pastor of Saint Elias The Prophet Ukrainian Catholic Church.

Galadza says there was a Sunday morning service later the same day that was cancelled, but all activities are continuing as scheduled.

"We soldier on. We continue on. We thank God for what is and ask him to protect us from what's out there sometimes."

Police say there was a fire alarm around 2 a.m. on Sunday, July 16, at the church on Heritage Road near Bovaird Drive West.

They say someone connected to the church walked over to the scene of and used a fire extinguisher to put out the blaze at the exterior of the building.

Brampton Fire officials describe it as suspicious, prompting an arson investigation.

"There was minor damage, no injuries and we have



no suspect information," said Const. Rachel Gibbs of Peel Regional Police.

It's the second fire at the church in three years. There was a more serious one in April 2014 when the church burned to the ground. It was rebuilt and reopened in October of last year.

Galadza says that while the previous fire was an accident, this time it's not.

"It is suspicious. If police are saying it's suspicious, it's suspicious. What can I do? It's a beautiful building. It's very visible and it attracts attention, and as a result, maybe that's what happened."

He said that he doesn't want to speculate as to who would want to damage his church, except to say such

incidents are not unique to Catholic Churches. "Other denominations have difficulties like this too," he said. "There's unhappy people, I guess, troubled. This happens throughout history. It happens."

Galadza says he doesn't think his church is under attack or that his own safety is at risk.

"I never thought about being in danger. We're certainly concerned, but we're relieved that it's not worse and its service and activities as usual," he said. "It's an ongoing investigation. Hopefully they'll give us a result, but until then, we're trying not to speculate."

The Ontario Fire Marshal's office went to the scene and is investigating the incident

Millions of dollars in drugs seized during "Project Cartella"

by **Alex Gregory**

Seven suspects from Peel are among those arrested during a joint investigation by Peel Police and other police agencies that resulted in the seizure of millions of dollars in illegal drugs.

Peel Police announced Friday afternoon that nearly \$3 million in drugs were seized during "Project Cartella", a year-long investigation helmed with the Ontario, York and Halton Provincial Police divisions.

Several search warrants were executed throughout the GTA on July 19, with a gun, a large amount of money and drugs including Fentanyl and Oxycodone all

being swept up by police.

16 suspects were arrested in total during the investigation and charged with multiple drug and firearm offenses, including the following from Peel:

(Brampton)
Omar Badran, 34
Asif Khan, 38
(Mississauga)
Farzad Amirhoushamand, 37
Jason Cervini, 34
Caitlin Johannes-Amirhoushamand, 31
Anna Korneitchouk, 27
Carlos Lourde, 56
Michael Ormonde, 39

6100 Oxycodone pills,
1.4 kilograms of hashish,
85 kilograms of marijuana,
8.6 kilograms of cocaine

and 6.4 grams of Fentanyl were seized during the search warrants.

Farzad Amirhoushamand and Omar Badran were held for a bail hearing in Brampton on July 20. All other accused were charged and released with pending court appearances.

Anyone who may have information pertaining to this project can anonymously contact Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), or by visiting www.peelcrimestoppers.ca, or by sending a text message to CRIMES (274637) with the word "PEEL" and then your tip.

Manhunt for armed gunman after shooting in Mississauga

by **Marco Patrone**

Police are looking for an armed gunman suspected of being involved in a shooting last week in Mississauga.

Peel Regional Police received a call around 9:50 p.m. after receiving reports of shots fired in Glen Erin Drive and Britannia Road area.

There was a physical altercation involving a group

of around four men after a party in the area.

As the fight escalated, one man pulled out a handgun and fired it, hitting another man.

The victim of the shooting walked into a nearby store for help, saying he'd been shot.

He then drove himself to hospital and was treated for non-life threatening injuries.

Officers arrived with canine units and continue to look for the shooter.

Police say they don't have the name of the suspect or photo yet but are looking for any information they can get from the public.

Anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to contact investigators at 11 Division at (905) 453-2121.

S.T.E.P. officers in Peel arrest man in Mississauga with handgun and drugs



Peel Police's S.T.E.P. (Strategic and Tactical Enforcement Policing) Program has completed an investigation that resulted in the arrest of a man carrying a loaded handgun and drugs in Mississauga.

On Sunday, July 16, officers investigated a motel near the corner of Britannia Road and Hurontario Street where

the suspect was staying. During a search of the premises, they discovered a loaded handgun, extra ammunition, and a quantity of crack cocaine.

35-year-old Yvenord Hyacinthe, from Toronto, was arrested and charged with numerous firearms and drug charges. He appeared in Brampton court on July 17.

Anyone who may have information pertaining to the possession of illegal firearms is asked to call the Street Crime Gang Unit at (905) 453-3311, ext. 7704.

Information may also be left anonymously by calling Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), or by visiting www.peelcrimestoppers.ca.

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Province called on to relocate predators

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Bowman is trying to set up a meeting with Ontario's Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Kathryn McGarry at the upcoming Association of Municipalities Ontario conference.

"What I'm trying to do is to see if I can speak with someone from Natural Resources there about what we can do about the issue, if there's anything else, any other areas that are experiencing the same problem."

Bowman favours a program of trapping and relocating as a possible next step. He stopped short of calling for a cull. "I would hate to see that happen. I would prefer to see if they could relocate them somehow. I know they can't relocate them when they're young or they can relocate them in groups. That means you've got to try and trap

them somehow, they're pretty smart animals," Bowman said.

He's also concerned that some people may attempt to hunt the animals themselves.

"I don't want to see residents go out and try to deal with this issue themselves, so we've got to find a happy medium."

In Brampton, there have been more than 100 coyote sightings so far this year, which is on par with 2015. According to Animal Services, there were 60 sightings at the same time last year.

There are signs up warning people in areas frequented by coyotes not to leave children or pets unattended.

There has been some talk of introducing a city bylaw

prohibiting the feeding of coyotes, but Bowman says it may be difficult to enforce.

"Education's great, trying to pass a bylaw saying it's illegal to feed them but we'd have to catch them feeding them in order to press charges against them. I don't know that the answer is, but it's getting to the point where they're going to keep multiplying. It's inevitable that something is going to happen," he said.

The upcoming Association of Municipalities Ontario conference is set to take place in Ottawa, Aug. 13 to 16, 2017. Provincial ministers in the Kathleen Wynne government are expected to make themselves available to councillors like Bowman.

Peel Daily News called the provincial department of Natural Resources for a comment and is still awaiting a response.



U.S. Border Tax a "dark cloud" over Canadian exports ahead of NAFTA

by Marco Patrone

Canada must push back against a proposed U.S. border tax in any future trade talks with that country, says the Mississauga Board of Trade.

Board CEO David Wojcik says the proposed U.S. border adjustment tax could be "more devastating to Canadian exporters than a renegotiating of NAFTA."

"It's a big dark cloud looming over our exports and American imports," he said.

"I would be shocked if the topic of a border adjustment tax didn't come up during negotiations of NAFTA. It needs to be a discussion point," he added.

The U.S. Congress is considering an "across the board" adjustment tax that would be levied against

products imported into the U.S. as a way to offset what many Americans see as unfair trade policies in other countries.

The amount of the levy could vary from 20 per cent to 50 per cent.

If it's passed into law, goods exported from Canada to the U.S. would be subject to the levy, which would be paid for by the American importer of that product.

That would immediately make that Canadian product more expensive to U.S. consumers and discourage the purchase of those goods south of the border.

The U.S. Congress is looking at the measure as an internal tax issue, not a trade issue, meaning the matter could be deemed outside the scope of any future NAFTA trade negotiations.

From Canada's position, Wojcik says the matter has to be in the mix of NAFTA talks because U.S. border tax policies will have a direct impact on trade between the two countries.

"Everything has to be part of the negotiation so as we move into NAFTA negotiation, that can go weeks, months even a year. As we see tax reform evolve in the states, the tax reform measures they're discussing could seriously impact NAFTA negotiations."

As the U.S. looks to do tax reform—part of President Donald Trump's promised agenda—House Speaker Paul Ryan is pushing the border tax proposal forward.

The Trump administration wants to renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement because it says American compa-

nies are unfairly penalized by the trade policies in other countries.

The issue is extremely complicated given how the economies of Canada and the U.S. are so closely linked.

"It's not just about Canada saying 'we don't want to do that,' there's American

importers that can dramatically be affected as well and American jobs."

"It's taken 20 years for this agreement to evolve, so to tear it up and start over again is inconceivable because everyone is so intertwined now between Canada the U.S. and Mexico," Wojcik said.



The border crossing at Niagara Falls. (Flickr.com)

Will a break on power bills save the Wynne government?



John Valorzi
Columnist

When hundreds of thousands of Peel Region residents open their electricity bills over the next few weeks, they'll find a welcome cut in their monthly power costs.

Not only did the Liberal government reduce power bills by about 17 percent effective July 1 -- on top of an eight per cent HST-linked rebate that began Jan. 1 -- but the Ontario Energy Board had earlier approved monthly billing. That replaced the previous two-month charges that often soared through the stratosphere during the summer air-conditioning season angering voters when they got massive bills in September.

On the surface, those changes will help ease the mounting backlash against the Wynne government's electricity policies, a burning political issue the government is desperate to shelve ahead of next June's provincial election.

But in a greater sense, the cuts that help today's seniors on fixed pensions,



low-income people and other consumers deal with their immediate hydro bills pose a much larger problem. The current savings could cost tens of billions of additional borrowed dollars down the road and will have to be paid for by future generations in much higher rates then.

Under the Ontario Fair Hydro Plan, electricity rates fall an average of 25 percent this year -- about \$41 a month -- followed by four years of small hikes capped at the inflation rate. But in the fifth year of the plan rates begin to rise by about seven per cent a year and after that about 12 per cent a year.

A lot of those future hikes depend how much the government borrows to finance the plan.

A review by Ontario Financial Accountability Officer Stephen LeClair estimates the cost of the Fair Hydro Plan at \$45 billion, but the pricetag could zoom to as high as \$93 billion if the rate cuts are financed with billions of borrowed dollars.

The hydro debacle of benefit now and pay later is deeply unfair to my children and their children and future generations that will have to bear the financial burden for helping today's

consumers save a few bucks on their utility bills.

I could live with that if it was only the hydro file that was badly mismanaged by the Liberals - and the PCs before them. Remember all those years of paying the debt retirement charge on your Enersource bill after PC Mike Harris split up the old Ontario Hydro in 1999?

Ontario consumers grumbled but wound up paying \$11.5 billion to pay off Hydro debt before the charge ended three years ago.

On top of the hydro mess, the Liberal government has piled on even bigger general debts on the backs of

all Ontarians. Since taking power in 2003, they have added \$160 billion in debt, pushing the total of the provincial government's yearly deficits to more than \$300 billion.

With an aging population demanding ever more health care and a slow-growing economy, it means our taxes will be higher than they should be for decades and governments will have little room for manoeuvre when they face the financial crunch in future.

Governments have done what consumers have been doing for decades -- living beyond their means and taking on more mortgage and personal debt in an era of extremely cheap money and easy credit. But the tide is starting to turn. Interest rates are creeping up and will go even higher, putting tremendous pressure on tapped-out consumers and governments facing rising debt costs.

We should all stare in the mirror and persuade ourselves to accept less and not demand more from government.

Do rich seniors need to

get free prescription drugs when they are sitting on million-dollar homes? Do we need to employ 1.1 million people in the broader public sector today when we had about 700,000 less than a decade ago?

Do we need to sink billions in subsidies to businesses and other groups for no measurable economic benefit?

Should we citizens press politicians in the next provincial elections to devise a plan to pay down \$10 billion in debt annually for the next two decades and have a realistic way to pay for it?

The tough choices will be difficult but they are badly needed. The last 14 years of poor financial stewardship means it will become harder to redress the social imbalance that threatens the future of our children because of the debts my baby-boom generation took on.

Other societies and generations faced financial crises got through them. So can we.

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New development director for Boys and Girls Club of Peel



Boys & Girls Club of Peel

The Boys and Girls Club of Peel announced the hiring of a new resource development manager recently.

Lifelong Brampton resident and volunteer Michael Gyovai has been hired by the club, which promotes a safe,

supportive place where children and youth can gain new volunteer and job opportunities, build friendships, overcome barriers and develop essential skills.

Gyovai is an active member in the local community, vol-

unteering with Brampton Minor Baseball, as a scout leader with 16th Bramalea Scout Group, school council chair and member at two schools in Wards 7 and 8 and as a director with the Brampton Focus Community Media Group.

In a release sent Tuesday, BGCP executive director Jim Turner said that "Michael is the kind of individual we see helping the Boys and Girls Club of Peel stay engaged and connected to our youth and families."

The group helps youth in Mississauga and Brampton, with plans to increase efforts in Caledon after a short absence from the area.

For more information on the Boys and Girls Club of Peel, visit www.bgcpeel.org.



Michael Gyovai Development Director "Boys & Girls Club of Peel"

Protest at Trudeau fundraiser

by Alex Gregory

A group of two-dozen protesters wielding “Trudeau Supports Terrorists” signs and repeatedly chanting “shame” greeted Prime Minister Justin Trudeau during an event in Mississauga last week.

Trudeau was in town to speak with supporters and donors regarding his recent accomplishments and plans for the future, but was careful to avoid discussing recent issues, including the Canadian government’s recent \$10-million payout to Omar Khadr, a former child soldier who is living in the city.

About two-dozen members of the Jewish Defense League picketed the event, which was held at



Prime Minister Justin Trudeau speaks at a recent press conference in Washington. (Supplied Photo)

Paramount Fine Foods in Mississauga. The stop was one of several Trudeau made throughout the day speaking about the Canada Childcare Benefit (CCB), which was implemented

in the 2016 annual budget. The CCB provides a fixed \$160 per month for children under six years of age, and \$60 for children between six to 17 years of age. Additional benefits

are provided to low- and middle-income families.

“Progress is a necessity,” Trudeau said, citing the 300,000-plus families who have already been impacted by the initiative.

Despite that, he said that more work needs to be done to get children out of poverty, and said that the CCB was the “tip of the iceberg” in terms of what they want to accomplish.

Trudeau spoke about his need to deliver a fair and inclusive vision to Canadians, stating that “when we work together, being better is always possible.” He also said that he is already looking towards the next election, which will be held in two years. “Time flies, so we need to be thinking about 2019 now,” he said.

Trudeau also said that he wants to focus on delivering a fair and inclusive vision, while insisting that he doesn’t want to be negative, referring to Conservative leader Andrew Scheer’s recent media ap-

pearances in which he has denounced the government’s payout to Khadr on U.S. networks. “I’ll leave that to the other guys,” Trudeau said.

His sentiment was shared by Mississauga-Centre MP Omar Alghabra, who said that despite the negativity, Canada is looked up to by many people throughout the world. “There is so much suspicion in the world. People who come to Canada see it as a haven,” he said.

Alghabra also said that it’s the variety of passionate opinions in Canada is what makes it strong and able to compete globally, saying “diversity is not only a social strength, but an economic strength.”



An advertisement for City Square Dental. It features a smiling couple in the background. In the foreground, there is a circular inset showing a dental implant being placed into a tooth. The text "City Square DENTAL" is visible in the upper right. At the bottom, there is a green banner with white text: "DENTAL IMPLANTS STARTING AT \$495*", "BOOK A FREE CONSULTATION", and contact information: "289-521-2555", "WWW.CITYSQUAREDENTAL.CA", "CITYSQDENTAL@GMAIL.COM", and "3660 HURONTARIO ST. SUITE 201 MISSISSAUGA ON L5B 3C4".

Jewish group says Khadr \$10.5 million payout is ‘incentive’ for more terror

by Marco Patrone

A group that protested PM Justin Trudeau’s visit to Mississauga says the multi-million dollar payout to Omar Khadr could lead more Canadians to join terror groups.

“We see that as a reward for terrorism,” said Meir Weinstein of the \$10.5-million settlement from the Liberal government. Weinstein is national director of the Jewish Defence League in Canada.

“It’s a horrible message that it sends. Rather than penalizing Canadian citizens for joining terrorist groups, it rewards them with money,” he added.

Weinstein and about two dozen protesters chanted “shame” as the PM and his entourage attended a \$1,500 a plate Liberal fundraiser on Thursday July 20.

Toronto-born Khadr pleaded guilty to war crimes including murder before



a military commission in 2010.

As a 15-year old in 2002, he was involved in a firefight against U.S. soldiers at an al-Qaida compound in Afghanistan during which U.S. Army medic Christopher Speer was killed.

Khadr was detained in Guantanamo Bay for 10 years before being returned to Canada to serve out the last part of his sentence.

He was released in May 2015 and appealed his guilty plea, which he claims was made under duress.

Weinstein says the settlement with Khadr endangers members of the Jewish community by providing ‘incentive’ for more attacks.

“All these terrorist organizations, al-Qaida, Hamas,

staff photo

Hezbollah are viciously anti-Semitic. They are very loud about the Jews, but they don’t just mean the Jews, they mean the west.”

He says his group is planning a lot more protest in the weeks ahead, “we don’t think it’s right that the PM of Canada wants to dodge the issue and hide it.”

Trudeau has defended cost of settling Khadr case, saying it could’ve been far greater if the Liberal government didn’t agree to the \$10.5-million payout.

Trudeau’s Mississauga fundraiser was one of several stops in which the PM is hoping to change the channel on the Khadr controversy, which has dogged him over much of the summer.

Water levels on Lake Ontario reach highest level in history

Water levels on Lake Ontario reached the highest levels in recorded history, Credit Valley Conservation explained last week.

After months of higher-than-normal precipitation and flooding in key areas and parks throughout southern Mississauga, water levels have slowly started to recede, though they won't return to their normal levels for several months.

Experts with the conservation group reported that water levels on Lake Ontario reached an elevation of 75.72 metres on the International Great Lakes Datum (IGLD), just behind a record 75.88-metre elevation on May 25 of this year.

"Months of high precipitation produced the highest recorded waters level on Lake Ontario since reliable records began in 1918," said Senior Water Operations Engineer Jeff Wong.

Elevated water levels continued through June and into the beginning of this month, with sites including



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JJ Plaus Park, Lakefront Promenade and J.C. Saddington Park all having portions blocked off for public use. In addition, Port Credit business Snug Harbour was closed for several days due to flooding.

Precipitation within the Lake Ontario basin and storm surge can result in temporary increases in lake levels. Winds originating from the south and east could generate waves to intensify the impacts of the high lake levels. The elevated lake levels combined with wave action can exacerbate flooding and the erosion of natural beaches, bluffs and structures along the shoreline. Water levels in the Credit River and other areas near Lake Ontario have also experienced local increases

due to backwater.

The public is urged to exercise caution along the shoreline and lakefront areas. Elevated lake levels combined with wave activity will make these areas dangerous. Conditions can change drastically over a short period of time with shifting winds and wave activities; sections of trails could be isolated due to higher lake levels and waves.

Lake levels will continue to drop slowly over next few months, though CVC stresses that given the enormous size of the lake and the uncertainties related to future precipitation, water levels are expected to remain higher than normal.

Stay tuned to Peel Daily News for further updates.

Police urge drinking and driving responsibly after deadly Brampton accident

by **Jessica Padhi**

With the warm weather and social scene in full swing, many Peel residents are taking advantage of outdoor activities, but police are reminding everyone about the dangers of mixing alcohol and drugs with driving.

Just ask the family of Harshadrai Patel.

The 64-year-old man was visiting from India when the vehicle he was in collided with another car in Mississauga last week. The driver of the other vehicle was later charged with impaired operation of a vehicle and criminal negligence.

Patel was later pronounced dead at a local hos-

pital, and his family is devastated knowing that it was a crash that could have been avoided.

Constable Mark Fisher with Peel Regional Police said, "Unless you are using a breathalyzer, the best course of action is not to have anything prior to driving, so that way there is no chance of you blowing over."

It is very easy at a backyard party or barbecue for one drink to turn into two or three. Constable Fisher encourages people hosting a party to "be sure everyone has a way home, whether you call them a cab, or even drive them yourself, if you haven't had any alcohol."

Andy Murie, the CEO of MADD Canada, recently said that it's important to have a designated driver, take public transportation or call a taxi or an Uber. "Every single one of these crashes and charges are preventable," he explained.

It is very difficult to say determine anyone's blood alcohol content after one drink, said Murie. "It's important to exercise caution. There's a lot of factors such as gender, weight, and whether the individual ate anything before drinking that you have to take into consideration."

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NAFTA renegotiation could have severe consequences for Peel retailers: Retail Council

by **Alex Gregory**

The renegotiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) in the U.S. could have devastating consequences for brick-and-mortar stores in Peel Region, according to the Retail Council of Canada.

The U.S. government announced its plans ahead of the NAFTA Talks, which begin in mid-August. The 16-page document they released outlines a number of positions and goals, including concessions from Canada on cross-border trade issues that would result in more favourable conditions for U.S. buyers. Among the items on their shopping list is a 4,000-per cent increase on the amount Canadian shoppers can buy online without paying taxes.

Karl Littler, vice-president of the Retail Council of Canada, said that it's important to look at the history of the agreement and how the U.S. has tried to renegotiate the

agreement before, to no success.

"You have to put it in context. There are hundreds of items on that shopping list. This is just one of them," Littler said, pointing to the States' failed negotiations on the Trans-Pacific Partnership and its unsuccessful lobbying of previous Canadian finance ministers.

He also said that despite NAFTA being a "high-stakes" priority, the Retail Council of Canada, a non-profit association that represents retailers, is looking at the States' demands as more of a negotiating position rather than an endpoint.

The move to renegotiate the agreement comes amid pressure to phase out tax rebate programs that allowed malls in Peel to deal with the cost of bankrupt retailers and empty storefronts. Last month, the City of Mississauga phased out its tax rebate program despite concerns from major shopping centres like Square One.

Citing the Mississauga mall as an example, Littler pointed out that Canadian merchants are required by the Canadian Revenue Agency to collect taxes. The danger comes in the form of foreign suppliers who can ship the same product to a customer without the applied taxes, giving them a much greater

price advantage in the online marketplace. "They will start to shift Canadian consumer purchases away from online or brick-and-mortar stores, and into cross-border sales because they'll save the tax. That has big implications for those companies and jobs."

The Retail Council of Canada estimates that there is

approximately \$80 billion in "shippable goods" that flow through the border, and that the Canadian government understands the problem of convincing U.S. distributors to send taxed goods into Canada. Foreign Affairs Minister Chrystia Freeland said in a statement recently that the Canadian govern-

ment welcomes the opportunity to modernize the agreement to reflect new realities, and that "when negotiations begin, we will be ready to work with our partners to modernize NAFTA, while defending Canada's national interest and standing up for our values."



Brick-and-mortar retailers, like those at Square One Shopping Centre, could feel the pinch if the U.S. gets its way on contentious cross-border trading issues for the NAFTA Agreement. (Photo Courtesy of MML Architects)

Private school offers help for victims of 'Report Card' fraud



by **Marco Patrone**

A private school is offering free summer courses to students defrauded in an online scam involving bogus report cards.

Principal Indi Sahi says he wants to help compensate students who lost money when a fraudster faked his school's logo in an online scam.

"The kids who were actually defrauded, who genuinely thought this was our school, we'd like to reach out to them and say, 'why don't you come do the credit with us. We're not going to charge you for it,'" said Sahi of the Canadian Higher Learning Academy, a private, Ontario gov-

ernment-approved online school.

Investigators have now charged a Brampton man suspected of faking report cards used in applications for entry into university.

Police charged 28-year-old Pavanjit Sohal of Brampton for allegedly creating a fake website posing as a legitimate online private school.

Sohal is suspected of fraudulently accepting money from students who thought they were upgrading their credits through online courses and enrolling in a legitimate private learning academy.

Sahi plans to reach out to unsuspecting victims of the fraud.

"You've already lost your money. Why don't you come take a course in the summer and you can get your credit," he said.

"We'd have to look at it a bit more, but the biggest outcome for us is making sure that those students are ok, the ones who genuinely

thought they were enrolling with us."

There are an estimated 10 students who fell for the alleged scam. If all take advantage of Sahi's offer, it would represent a total monetary value of around \$10,000. Assuming there's a conviction in this matter,

Sahi hopes to sue for damages in order to try and recoup any of his costs.

He also says he wants to try and prevent this type of scam from happening again.

"Apparently this has happened in the past, a few years ago. We want to make

sure this never happens again. Basically it's like forgery – you're taking the school's logo, putting it on a report card."

He favours added security checks to make sure that each grade credited to a student is coming from the right school.



Website Landing Page: Canadian Higher Learning

Curious pedestrians sneak a peek at Brampton horror film set

by **Marco Patrone & Erica Phillips**

They make them cheap... and 'bloody profitable.'

A movie production company known for producing moneymaking horror flicks on a shoestring budget is in Brampton shooting its latest splatter-fest, *Seven in Heaven*, this week – and the locals love it.

An area south of the Four Corners Branch of the Brampton Library was cordoned off on Chapel Street and Wellington Street East, but it didn't stop retired teacher Rose O'Reilly from taking in the excitement of a Hollywood production.

"I'm seeing a lot of people here, and I'm interested in what happens in downtown Brampton. I live in the downtown. We have a lot of people that are coming here and it's exciting," she said.



A film crew took over a block of Chapel Street in downtown Brampton for *Seven in Heaven* by Blumhouse Productions. (Photo by Erica Phillips)

"I love small town Brampton," she continued. "It's like a big city around it. It's beautiful. We have a lot of history, the courthouse and our houses look old."

Tree-lined old Brampton

includes many of the city's older era homes, which serve as a great backdrop for many movies. Some historic Brampton properties have been a good stand-in for Middle Amer-

ican locations for years,

playing host to productions starring actors such as Bruce Willis, Nicole Kidman, Samuel Jackson and Louis Gossett Jr.

Other popular city land-

marks used in movies include Gage Park and The Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA).

Location workers had their hands full trying to keep curious pedestrians from walking into the shot amidst the sandbags, the production vehicles and lighting equipment on Chapel Street.

The scene drew curious onlookers hoping to spot a famous actor or two.

Alex Owen, a construction worker who just moved into the area, was walking around town and stopped to see what was going on.

"We were walking down the street doing some apartment hunting. I didn't know it was a horror movie," said Owen. "It's a pretty beautiful day so it

can't be too scary."

A sign on Chapel Street reads 'Road Closed' to traffic between Wellington Street East and Peel Avenue. Cars were forced to take a detour. The closure is specifically for all pedestrians, as filming will be held at various points in the day and evening on July 18, 19 and 25.

Blumhouse Productions promotes itself as a pioneering company that developed a "new model of studio filmmaking: producing high-quality micro-budget films."

The company's website proudly touts its box office success with "films like the highly-profitable *The Purge*, *Insidious*, *Ouija* and *Paranormal Activity*, franchises that have grossed more than \$2 billion at the worldwide box office."

2017: A bad year for mosquitos in Peel Region

by **Larry Zacher**

Earlier this spring, weather experts predicted 2017 would be a bad year for mosquitoes.

For Peel residents, these predictions have turned into a hard-bitten reality as we are experiencing higher-than-average populations, and mosquitoes that are more blood-thirsty than normal.

The mild winter followed by record rainfalls in May and June have resulted in ideal mosquito breeding conditions in the Region of Peel and Southern Ontario. Abundant standing water in ponds, wooded areas and flooded fields has created almost perfect conditions for mosquito reproduction.

David Phillips, senior climatologist with Environment Canada,



advises that cooler weather such as we've experienced in June and July makes the mosquitoes hungrier for blood. "Mosquitoes are generally more active, faster biting when conditions are

kind of lukewarm," he said.

For the most part, mosquito bites are merely a nuisance, resulting in itchy skin and redness for a few days. However, mosquitoes can transmit dangerous

and deadly diseases such as malaria, dengue fever, Zika virus and others. Considered the world's deadliest animal, mosquitoes are responsible for an estimated 725,000 human fatalities globally each year.

Fortunately for Canadians, many of the deadliest mosquitoes cannot survive in our cool northern climate. Our biggest concern here is the West Nile Virus (WNV). A bite from a mosquito infected with WNV can lead to serious disease. There is no specific treatment or cure for West Nile.

Each year from June to September, Peel Health tests for the presence of West Nile Virus in local mosquitoes through a region-wide network of mosquito traps. In June, one mosquito batch collected in Mississauga tested positive for the virus. Peel Health is now advising residents to take precautions to minimize their risk of being bitten by a mosquito infected with this dangerous virus.

• Avoid areas with high mosquito populations

• Wear light-coloured clothing, including long sleeves, pants and a hat, to cover exposed skin

• Use an insect repellent containing DEET and apply it according to the manufacturer's directions

• Take extra precautions from dusk to dawn when mosquito activity is higher – if possible stay indoors.

Residents can also help reduce mosquito populations by getting rid of sources of standing water in their yards and neighbourhoods. Empty water from pots, wheelbarrows, lawn furniture, kids toys and other places where rainfall collects. Mosquito eggs will hatch into larvae in these water sources within 24-48 hours.

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Steelhead Summer News ~ The Wheels Keep Turning



Joe Snider
Sports Editor

The Mississauga Steelheads' busy off-season continues.

Zac Urback and Hayden Speak now have expanded roles with the management team.

Urback, who's been with the Steelheads for the past two seasons, will take on the role of Director of Player Evaluation and Assistant to the General Manager.

He will continue to support the management team in evaluating players, trades, free agents and draft picks.

Urback's primary responsibility will be the analytical evaluation of all Ontario Hockey League teams and players, including the oversight of the club's hockey research team, which has become one of the most ex-

tensive in the Ontario Hockey League.

Speak, who was a Hockey Analytics Assistant with the team last season, will be returning to the club for his third season in the expanded role of Lead Hockey Researcher.

He is the creator of the website www.prospectstats.com, a premier platform for advanced statistics of junior and minor pro hockey teams and players.

Speak will continue to work closely with Urback to gather and organize league-wide data, and support the management team in evaluating teams and players in the OHL.

Mississauga Steelheads' Assistant General Manager Mike Doyle is excited to have Urback and Speak

returning to the club, adding "Zac and Hayden have done a tremendous job over the past two seasons supporting the management team in developing a hockey analytics department that we feel gives us a great competitive advantage within our league."

"We look forward to expanding our capabilities in this area and we are thrilled to have Zac and Hayden leading our efforts."

The Steelheads' 2017/18 home opener is Sept. 22 with the Ottawa 67's at the Hershey Centre.



The Brampton Excelsiors



The Brampton Excelsiors made it interesting Thursday night in Major series lacrosse action at Memorial Arena but fell just short, losing 13-11 to the visiting Brooklin Redmen. The Excelsiors were coming off a big 19-4 win over Cobourg

on Sunday night. (the 16th) Brampton's now 2-12 and 2 for the season. Brooklin 7-8 and 2. The Excelsiors next game is in Oakville on Monday night. They return home next Thursday to meet Six Nations at 8..

New Ownership for the Brampton Beast?



by Joe Snider

Brampton-based business leader Tina Larsen and the president of the Brampton Beast Hockey Club, Cary Kaplan, are assembling a group to purchase a minority ownership of the Beast Hockey Club.

Kingston-based team owner Gregg Rosen will maintain his majority ownership position, but has agreed to sell up to 49 per cent of the team.

Larsen is the owner of the Brampton steel company PCMF and is the vice-chair of trade on the Brampton Board of Trade.

She also holds a leadership position with the emerging community task force "New Brampton." She's working with Kaplan to form a group of GTHA based investors, with a special eye to leaders in Brampton and the Peel Region. Based on significant

interest and response, it's expected the group will be finalized relatively soon.

Thursday's meeting by the investor group is the latest attempt to improve finances for the Beast, an ECHL team that has lost millions since

coming to the city for the 2013-14 season.

The City of Brampton has also considered a \$1.5 million multi-year bailout request by the hockey franchise, but taxpayer-funded help for the team has raised opposition from some groups.

Hockey in the city has had a troubled past. The junior OHL team, the Brampton Battalion, left the city for North Bay after the 2012 season after nearly 15 years in the Peel community.

At the time, Battalion owner Scott Abbott said North Bay was a better financial fit for his franchise.

The assembling of the prospective new Beast ownership group will give members the opportunity to acquire ownership of a professional hockey team in the hockey-obsessed Greater

Toronto and Hamilton Area market (GTHA).

Kaplan, who owns three per cent of the Beast, estimates the franchise is worth between \$5 million to \$10 million.

The Beast is affiliated with the Montreal Canadiens and currently operates as the only professional hockey team in the GTHA aside from Maple Leafs Sports Entertainment and the AHL's Marlies.

The Beast is the lone Canadian team in the ECHL and has lost about \$4 million since coming to the city after the 2013 season. With local business leaders, the team is hopeful it can ramp up the buzz needed to boost attendance, which averages about 3,100 in an arena that seats 5,000 (the Powerade Centre).

The Beast is coming off of its most successful season in its four-year history, both in terms of on-ice success and attendance.

Kaplan and Larsen feel it's essential local ownership is in place to support Rosen in guiding the long-term success of the team.

They believe a strong, diverse local ownership group will have a tremendous impact on the Beast organization and hockey in the Region of Peel as a whole.



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The Canadian Junior A Lacrosse Championships are coming to Brampton from Aug. 17 - 27.

The Minto Cup is the top prize awarded in Major Junior A Lacrosse in Canada every year.

This year's event will be contested by the B.C. Champion, the Alberta Champion and the two Ontario finalists.

The tournament's being hosted by the historic Brampton Excelsiors Lacrosse Club--the oldest, continuously run sports organization in North America.

All games will be played at

iconic Memorial Arena, the site of many memorable lacrosse and hockey events for over 50 years.

Ron Evans of the Minto Cup organizing committee says, "We look forward to bringing this world class event to the lacrosse fans of Brampton, the province of Ontario, and all of Canada."

Will the host Excelsiors be playing? Chances are good. As of July 19th--they're second in the OLA Jr. standings with 28 points. The Six Nations Arrows are going to "the show." They're first with 36.



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Cianfrini's Homecoming!



The Brampton Beast

The Brampton Beast, an ECHL affiliate of the Montreal Canadiens, has signed rugged two-way defenseman Paul Cianfrini to a standard player contract ahead of the 2017-18 ECHL season.

The 28-year-old Dundas native split the 2016-17 season between DVTK Jegesmedvék in Hungary's top professional league, as well as the ECHL's Norfolk Admirals.

No stranger to the ECHL, Cianfrini started in the league in 2011-12 with the Toledo Walleye, and has since amassed 319 games of regular

season play with the Wheeling Nailers, Trenton Titans and Norfolk Admirals.

His best season in the ECHL came just two seasons ago in 2015-16, when he helped the Wheeling Nailers to the Kelly Cup Finals. In 71 regular season contests, he netted three goals and added 19 assists for 22 points before adding another goal and six assists in 24 playoff games.

A self-described physical defenceman with an offensive upside, Cianfrini is excited to return to Brampton, where he's played a lot of games,

both as a professional and in his younger days.

"I'm really excited," Cianfrini said of coming back to the city. "I used to play for the Halton Hurricanes when I was growing up, and our home rink was the Powerade Centre. It's a bit of a second home for me. I played a lot of games in that rink and I always loved playing there. I know the team has created some momentum in Brampton and I'd love to be a part of that. Hopefully we can have a strong year and build upon what the team started last year."

Prior to turning pro, Cianfrini enjoyed a successful Ontario Hockey League junior career. Between the 2006-07 and 2009-10 seasons, he suited up for 252 OHL games with the Belleville Bulls and Erie Otters and scored a combined

nine goals with 46 helpers and 188 penalty minutes.

Following his junior career, Cianfrini spent two seasons with Nipissing University in North Bay, appearing in 53 games. He scored seven goals and added 29 assists, earning CIS (OUA East) All-rookie Team status in 2010-11 along the way.

Beast head coach Colin Chaulk has had his eye on Cianfrini for several seasons now and is excited to see what he can do in Brampton.

"He's a player that plays hard and competes every night," Chaulk said. "He's a hard-nosed defenceman and plays tough in front of the net. He kills penalties, he blocks shots and is a veteran in this league. We're happy to have him on board."

Welcome Paul!

This Week in Baseball - The Mississauga Baseball Association/Bantam A Division



Monday, July 24 at 6 p.m. - MSBA Blue Jays vs. Erindale Cardinals/ South Common

Monday the July 24 at 8:30 p.m. - Majors Red 2 MSBA Athletics /South Common

Tue July 25 at 6 p.m. - Majors Grey MSBA Orioles / South Common

Tuesday July 25 at 6:15 p.m. MSBA Blue Jays Majors Red 1/ Martin Dobkin

Tuesday July 25 at 8:30 p.m. - MSBA Red Sox Majors White/ Fleetwood

Tuesday at July 25 8:30 - Majors Red 2 MSBA Athletics/ South Common

Thursday July 27 at 8:30 p.m. Majors White Majors Grey Fleetwood

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Marty Savoy guides the OJHL, The league of choice

Marty Savoy guides the League of Choice

by David Robinson

When Marty Savoy started playing peewee hockey over 30 years ago in Etobicoke, and later for the Oakville Minor Oaks, he had no idea that he would someday be heading up one of the most successful junior A hockey leagues in Canada.

The Durham College Sports Management graduate was the first full time paid commissioner hired by the league back in 2009, taking over from long-time volunteer Bob Hooper.

Savoy brings a lifetime of hockey experience to the league, which has its head office on Dunwin Avenue in Mississauga.

As a player, he played AAA in Etobicoke and Oakville before moving up to junior B with the Oakville Blades, who traded him to the now-defunct Mimico Monarchs. He also skated with the Georgetown Raiders and the former Streetsville Derby's, but it was the administrative side of the sport that most interested him.

His enrolment and later graduation from the Durham College Sports Management program set him up for a dream career in sports.

"Durham College really got me started in the right direction," stated Savoy. "I wasn't a great player, but I really was interested in the business side of the game. The biggest advantage I had coming out of Durham was they got me a job in hockey. My first placement was at the Hockey Hall of Fame Centre of Excellence in Toronto. That was my ticket."

The Centre for Excellence was started by Hockey Canada in 1981 as a way to develop players and coaches and to ensure that Canada

was always the leading nation in the sport of hockey worldwide.

As an intern at the Centre for Excellence, he worked hard and was eventually promoted to manager. Things were going good and he was getting noticed. He got called up. Hockey Canada was expanding the Centre for Excellence across Canada and they needed someone to act as regional manager for all five centres at the time. Savoy went off to Calgary, and he remained in the job for seven years.

"It was a fabulous job, and great people to work with", added Savoy. Along the way he served as GM for the 2002 Men's World Championships, and was also involved in the 2002 Olympic Camp as well as three World Junior Championships.

He recalls one particular prodigy that came out of the program— that being Stan Butler. "A coaching genius and wonderful guy to work with," Savoy said, noting that Butler is now with the North Bay Battalion and doing great things for the team there.

However, nothing lasts forever. Savoy eventually moved on to a marketing role with Tim Hortons' western operations where he learned the art of franchising, which came in handy in his current role.

When he took over the commissioner position in 2009, he inherited a league that was in need of a strong leader. Run more as a passionate hobby by a dedicated group of well-meaning volunteers, the league lacked purpose and vision. It was not financially strong, and offered little in the way of support to the teams. There were too many teams and the team budgets were

astronomical.

"We had to get the governors to believe that it was their league and they played a key role in its the strategic direction. They had to work together for a common goal of making the league the best Junior A league in Canada", added Savoy. "Nothing happens overnight. It took time, but gradually we built a league with a strong vision, a sense purpose and a good level of service that keeps the teams happy and prospering."

The biggest challenge was to shrink the league, which had become unmanageable at 32 teams. The on-ice product had become watered down. The teams were losing money and the owners weren't happy. The number of players moving up to higher levels was dwindling. A sure sign that change was needed.

In an era when sports leagues are expanding and cashing on franchising rights, Savoy had to come up with a plan to shrink the league to survive. Going where no man has gone before, it was no easy task. Today, the league has 22 teams and is doing well.

The other challenge was to reverse the flow of money and bring down the team budgets to a level that the owners could live with. Team owners were paying for everything out of their own pockets— and in some cases, even paying players. This was not sustainable in a market that is oversupplied with hockey product and an average ticket price of \$10.

Today the OJHL is a "pay to play" league, with teams allowed to charge up to \$5000 per player for equipment, games, practices, coaching and travel.

"We're finally at a point

where most of the teams are at least breaking even, which is a big relief for the owners' pocketbooks", Savoy said.

The enhancements to the business plan have also reversed the decline in players moving up the ladder. Today, the league boasts a 41 per cent graduation rate to the NHL. This is the highest among all North American leagues, including the AHL, CIS, NCAA and CHL. Only the BCHL has higher grad rate because of their U.S. player rules.

Savoy now has a staff of six that helps in a variety of capacities, including team operations, player development, digital media production, officiating and website content.

"We measure everything now," added Savoy. "We run it like a business and we pay close attention to the numbers."

The future looks bright with the addition of a spring development league and an annual combine that identifies new talent. "We are also developing an annual audit procedure which will help the teams stay on track with their management practices, budgets, player development and coaching. This will mean that every team operates in essentially the same manner. Good for the league, the coaches, players, owners and parents," he said.

When he is not working in hockey? No surprise, Savoy plays hockey himself, along with three of his four daughters.

Wife Julia also plays in a women's league in Burlington. A born and bred Floridian, Julia learned the game from scratch and now loves it to death: a hockey family for sure.

Snider's view

I'm a collector. Not a hoarder, heaven forbid, but a collector. (The term 'pack rat' is also okay).

Garage sales, barn sales, flea markets, auctions and thrift stores are all on my hit list: LPs and books, VHS movies and old newspapers and magazines.

I blame my parents— Mom and Dad gave me my love of flea markets, etc. (Dr. Flea's on Highway 27 is a favourite), Value Village is another one— any one in my area, anywhere. I mean— LPs and CDs for a buck? VHS movies— four for a dollar or sometimes even 10! Why not?

Recently, I purchased a collection of five Canada's History magazines (formerly known as The Beaver). I'd forgotten about The Beaver, but remembered enjoying it years ago.

In one of the copies, there was an article by the late,

great Frank Orr (Toronto Star sportswriter extraordinaire).

It was part of the cover story "100 Years of Hockey - The 8 Greatest Games Ever Played." Orr's story is titled "A Perfect Match".

He writes: "In the 1966-67 National Hockey League season, the great comedian Johnny Wayne watched the Toronto Maple Leafs practice at Maple Leaf Gardens. 'It won't be knee injuries that wreck this team,' Wayne quipped with a slight smile, 'It'll be prostate surgery.'"

That was Wayne's way of saying the Leafs had a roster, by NHL standards, of old men. Seven Leaf players that season were 36 years of age or older, something extraordinary in professional sports teams.

That made the Leafs Stanley Cup victory in 1967 stand out among the 14 crowns won by a Toronto team,

11 under the Maple Leafs banner. The Cup final, which pitted the Leafs against the archrival Montreal Canadiens was the perfect match: Canada's two "original six" NHL teams meeting in the country's centennial year.

Frank Orr, one of the greatest writers (sports et al.) in Canadian history. This story goes on for 10 more magical paragraphs. Makes me get goose bumps just reading it!

Moral of the story, from my "pack rat" perspective— you never know what you might find...

Oh, and once again, thanks Mom and Dad.

Dad passed away in 2012 at 94. Mom's still going strong at 90 and when I visit her in St. Catharines, if it's a Saturday, what do we do? Hit the garage sale trail, of course.

JS

Oh, and one more thing... In an earlier column I suggested the Argos should, in an attempt to get the fans out, do a bobble-head giveaway; revisiting the "Pinball Clemmons" freebie:) Well, I'm thrilled to see they bought into the bobble-head plan but they went one better. A Doug Flutie bobble-head giveaway tonight!! as they host Ottawa. Of course! Why didn't I think of that? And, even better for tonight? Throwback prices: 2 for \$19.97! Here's hoping for 25,000 plus at BMO – Ok – 22,000.

AND, for one day/night only... I put the Oskie Wee Wee call away~ (as a lifelong Hamilton fan) and here it is: **ARGGGGGGGG000000000OSSSSSSSS!**

 North Dufferin Baseball League Standings to July 21st						
TEAM	W	L	T	RF	RA	Pts.
New Lowell Knights	19	3	1	178	55	39
Bolton Brewers	17	3	1	176	85	35
Clearview Orioles	16	6	1	152	94	33
Aurora Jays	16	6	0	146	81	32
Orangeville Giants	13	7	2	129	79	28
Lisle Astros	13	7	2	149	125	28
Barrie Angels	12	9	1	135	113	25
Ivy Leafs	11	9	2	151	118	24
Creemore Braves	12	12	0	141	135	24
Midland Indians	9	10	2	103	85	20
Mansfield Cubs	6	18	1	90	229	13
Bolton Dodgers	6	16	0	124	200	12
Ivy Rangers	4	19	0	88	153	8
Newmarket Cornhuskers	3	17	1	69	161	7
Alliston Athletics	1	16	2	54	170	4

Owen Tippett – Movin' on Up!!!

Blue Jay Memories John Olerud

After his college days at Washington State, the Blue Jays drafted John Olerud in the third round of the 1989 Major League baseball draft. In a 17-season career through 2005 spanning 2,234 games, he posted a .398 on base percentage, 500 doubles, 255 home runs, 1,275 walks, 1,408 runs scored, 3,602 times on base, 96 sacrifice flies and 157 intentional walks.

He is one of only 26 players to ever hit for the cycle multiple times in their careers. He was a two-time All-Star and was a member

of two World Series winning teams; Blue Jays (1992 and 1993).

Highlight: Johnny O, always with that sweet, sweet swing, was PURE magic in 1993: 158 games, 679 AB, 24 HRs, 107 RBIs. His batting average that season was .363! I've always remembered.

A beautiful thing!

John Olerud turns 49 on Aug. 6.

P.S. in case you're wondering:

In baseball, "hitting for the cycle" is the accomplishment of one batter hitting a single,

a double, a triple, and a home run in the same game. Collecting the hits in that order is known as a "natural cycle." Cycles are rare in Major League Baseball (MLB), and have occurred only 306 times since the first by Curry Foley 135 years ago, in 1882.



Florida Panthers President of Hockey Operations and General Manager Dale Tallon says the club has agreed to terms with 2017 first-round pick—and former Steelheads forward—Owen Tippett on a three-year entry-level contract.

"I'm thrilled to sign Owen to his first NHL contract," said Tallon. "Owen is a natural goal scorer with a bright future and he already possesses NHL-ready size and speed. We're looking forward to watching him compete for a spot on our NHL roster at training camp this fall."

Tippett, a former Mississauga Steelhead, was the Panthers' first-round pick, 10th overall at the 2017 NHL Draft held in Chicago in June. The 18 year-



old led the Fish with 44 goals and 75 points in 60 regular season games during the 2016-17 season. His 44 goals ranked fifth in the OHL. In 20

playoff games, the 6-ft., 203-lb forward posted 19 points (10-9-19).

Congratulations Owen!

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Robertson Davies

PDN Salutes a Great Canadian and Caledonian!

by **Joe Snider**

Robertson Davies has been recognized and remembered on the Caledon Walk of Fame since 2001.

The brilliant actor, editor, novelist and Playwright Professor of English at the University of Toronto built his place of residence in Caledon East in 1970.

One of Canada's best known and most popular authors, he was a Companion of the Order of Canada, an Honorary Fellow of Balliol College, and received honorary degrees from the

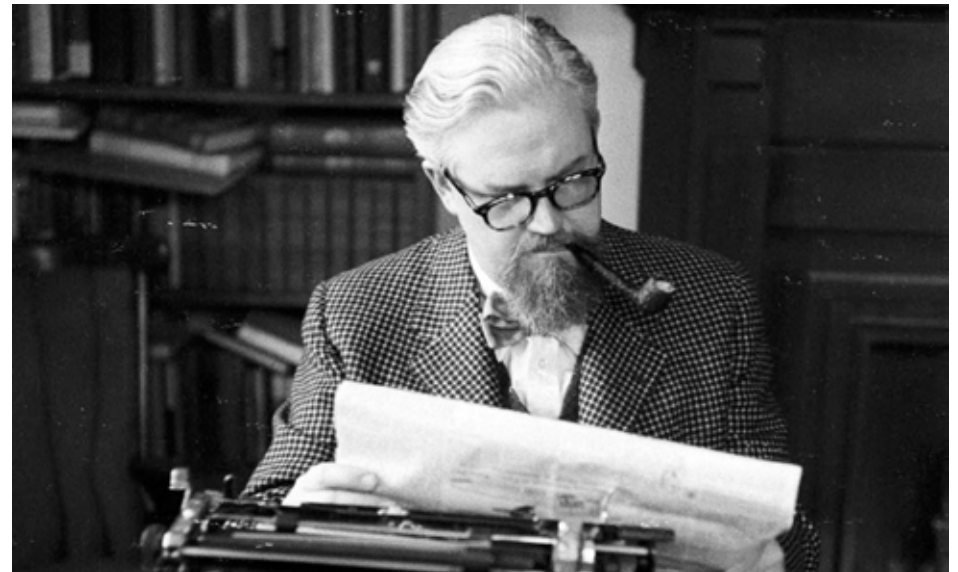
University of Oxford, Trinity College in Dublin, and the University of Wales, as well as from 23 American and Canadian universities.

His death on December 2, 1995 (in hospital in Orangetown) was marked in obituaries around the world and in Canada by national broadcasts of services in his honour. His work has been translated into 17 languages.

The Caledon Walk of Fame was initiated in 1999

for the purpose of honoring past and present Caledon residents who have made a significant contribution to the quality of life locally, nationally and internationally.

It's situated in the Trans Canada Trail Pavilion Park on the west side of Airport Road in Caledon East. A stone is placed in honor of each recipient during a formal Walk of Fame ceremony, held annually when there is a qualifying nominee.



Robertson Davies in an undated photo. (Photo Courtesy of Archives Canada)

Four families, four fresh starts: Habitat for Humanity GTA Torbram Road dedication

by **Erica Phillips**

Four hardworking families will never forget July 17, 2017. It was the day they took possession of their Habitat for Humanity (HFH) home on 8600 Torbram Rd in Brampton.

"Habitat dedication ceremonies celebrate the beginning of a bright future for our partner families," said Thomas Fischer, vice-president of regional development for Habitat for Humanity GTA.

The Arshad-Hussain, Mohamed, Ibrahim-Hagos, and Duahoo-Hosano families were the last of 18 homeowners to receive the keys to their new townhouse at Torbram Road and Clarke Boulevard.

Speaking on behalf of her family, Saumu Mohamed said they will no longer live in an overcrowded apartment that was subject to

flooding, dampness and mould. "We now have space to flourish as a family, and there are no more leaks. We are grateful to live in a new home that is safe," she said.

Plans for the build started in 2004/2005; it is the largest HFH project in Peel. Before Mayor Linda Jeffrey held her current office, she was instrumental in working with the affiliate for this build. Fischer said her support has been long lasting. The Torbram build was a collaboration with the City of Brampton, one of many partners.

"It's a special morning. These projects take too long to finish. As mayor, I plan to fix this and help expedite the process," so Habitat partner families can become homeowners faster, Jeffrey said.

"Thank you to Habitat for Humanity for your persistence and resilience,"

she added. "We need to accelerate those projects," the mayor added.

Homeownership helps families thrive.

Babelyn Gabinete, whose family moved into a HFH home in 2015, said her daughter was named valedictorian of her middle school and earned a 93 per cent average. She also placed first in her school's science fair. Gabinete attributes her daughter's academic success to having a safe place to concentrate on her studies.

Brampton councillors Jeff Bowman and Doug Whillans, and MPs Ruby Sahota and Sonia Sidhu, were also on hand for the dedication as were HFH volunteers, donors, staff, sponsors, partners and more established homeowners to help celebrate this milestone.

The Region of Peel has also been an "unwavering

supporter" of Habitat for Humanity and has contributed more than \$4 million to HFH GTA (and its legacy affiliate Habitat for Humanity Brampton-Caledon) towards homeownership. Enbridge Gas Distribution has contributed more than \$500,000 over the years. Its staff have volunteered on the site and held fundraising events for HFH as well.

Orlando Bowen, executive director of One Voice, One Team said more than 150 of the young people he works with have volunteered with this build and their lives have been transformed. "This is what Brampton is all about, this is what is community is all about. Give all that you can," he said.

With 47 homes expected to be completed by the 2018, Fischer's goal of 50 HFH homes for Brampton

and Mississauga is nearing fruition.

HFH partner families do not need to provide a down payment and no-interest mortgages are capped at 30 per cent of a family's income. Families must volunteer and complete 500 sweat-equity hours.

For more information, visit www.habitatgta.ca.



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Stress And Peace~ the perfect balance



by **Elizabeth Banfalvi**

Stress and Peace originate in the same part of the body – our mind. It is in the natural balance between these two that helps us through life. Without either, we cannot function. So therefore, each is natural within us.

Stress is the aggressor that pushes us forward and the opposite is peace that keeps the balance so we can go forward. There is never a constant forward motion without a counterbalance or non-motion. Whatever moves forward also has the need to stop and “regroup” or it sets itself off-balance. When something is static, it also needs the motion to set it going again and balance itself.

It is in the mind where we feel the imbalance. We feel “stressed out” and so we are. We push ourselves forward without drawing back and “regrouping” ourselves or giving ourselves the opposite of peace. We have filled our mind with messages such as lack and want so that we constantly strive forward and then wonder why we can’t slow down or relax. Our minds are constantly moving, thinking, overfilling with thoughts that stress us out.

Our mind and body are also in balance, and when the mind projects a

thought, feeling or emotion, then the physical body follows. Without the mind, the body doesn’t know where it is going or what it is feeling. Also what the body is feeling, the mind also feels so it is a constant circle.

The decision is where do we start re-balancing our stress. Here are a few steps that can be taken:

1. Take care and change the body. Do exercises, relax more, find alternative ways of changing what you are doing with your body. Stretch out the body. Stress contracts—the natural choice would be to soften the contraction and stretch it.

2. Change your diet. Stop taking a pill for everything and change your outlook on how you are living your life. If your life consists of forever feeding yourself stress, then you set the table to only eat of that. What you feed you body, it consumes.

3. Change your thought processes. This is more difficult, but it can be done. Change the words you say to more positive choices. Listen to yourself talk and see the points where you can change. Choose positivity.

4. Stop blaming everyone else for your choices. Religion, your government, your upbringing, your friends/family/mate are not to blame for how you choose to live your life. You can only change what you

are responsible for so start taking it back.

5. You are your own “knight in shining armour”. It is time for you to save yourself. Be kind to yourself and have fun.

6. Allow the changes to come about and bring about joy. It will take time and the journey will be well worth the trip.

7. Know your triggers. They are your “hot spots”, and you have allowed others to use them. It is time to cool them and find out about you. Remember whenever you say something, someone has the power to make you angry, sad or whatever, you yourself have given them the power to do that. It is time to take your power back.

8. Discover yourself. Find out who you are. The one person you know the least about is you. Start a journal and begin it with a description of yourself without using labels like mother/father, work status, religion or anything else. You will find out that beneath the labels there is a wonderful person trying to come out to play.

9. Begin a wish list and keep reading it as often as possible. If you keep them within your heart, they will come true and will bring magic into your life.

10. Begin a gratitude journal and allow yourself the right to know how wonderful your life actually is.



Innovative library holds’ lockers now open in Belfountain

Caledon Public Library patrons in the Belfountain area now have an innovative way to access library materials.

The library holds’ lockers have officially opened in the recently-renovated Belfountain Community Hall at 17204 Main St. in Belfountain. The building, originally built in 1893 as a Mechanic’s Institute library, will continue to serve the Belfountain community through this new technology.

Mayor Allan Thompson, along with Caledon Public

Library Board Chair Janet Manning, Library Board members, members of the public and CEO and Chief Librarian Colleen Lipp, attended the ribbon-cutting this week.

“CPL is committed to providing easy access to our library materials for the Belfountain community,” said Colleen Lipp, CEO and chief librarian of Caledon Public Library. **“These lockers and the technology are a first for Caledon and allow us to meet the evolving needs and**

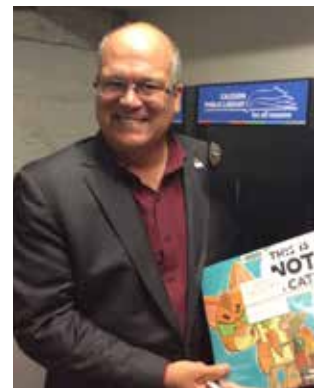
expectations of our residents,” she added.

The new lockers can be accessed 24/7 with a key code to enter the building. Residents simply place a hold with their library card through the catalogue and select Belfountain Lockers as their pick-up location. An email (with the key code) is sent when the materials are ready to be picked up. Materials can also be returned through the locker system.

For more information, visit caledon.library.on.ca.



Mayor Allan Thompson, Colleen Lipp, Janet Manning, Chris Gilman



Mayor Allan Thompson



from left to right we have: Susanne McRoberts; Sandy Keith; Mayor Allan Thompson; CEO/Chief Librarian Colleen Lipp; Janet Manning; Chris Gilmer; Lynne van Ryzewyk.

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Mississauga Marathon raises \$180,000 for local charities

by Alex Gregory

This year's Mississauga Marathon raised more than \$180,000 for local charities, according to organizers.

Representing the second-highest total raised since 2012, this year's event raised a total of \$187,660.

"We are so proud of all of our charity partners for their fundraising efforts," said race director Brody Coles in a release. "This is the second highest total raised, and is a tremendous achievement for both participants and charities."

The funds raised by the race will go to 28 different charities and agencies throughout Peel, including AIM for SEVA, Autism Speaks Canada, CameronHelps, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH Foundation), Ca-



Photo courtesy Mississauga Marathon

nadian Cancer Society, Canadian Mental Health Association Peel Branch, Central Ontario Leadership Seminars, Crohn's and Colitis Canada, Dorothy Ley Hospice, Fanconi Canada, Heart and Stroke Foundation, Heart House Hospice, Indus Community Services, Interim Place, Islamic Relief Canada, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), Leu-

kemia and Lymphoma Society of Canada, Mississauga Festival Choir, Movember Foundation, Pancreatic Cancer Society, The Riverwood Conservancy, SickKids Foundation, Student Unity Project, The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award, The Mississauga Food Bank, Trillium Health Partners, United Way Peel Region, and Youth Unlimited.

Since 2012, over \$900,000 has been raised for various national and local charities via the Scotiabank Charity Challenge, which gives charities the incentive to use the marathon as a fundraising platform and save on resources instead of hosting their own events.

"This is a great way for charities to reach hundreds of people, and focus on

raising funds and awareness for their cause," said Coles.

The administrative and processing costs associated with donations are covered each year by Scotiabank, meaning charities receive 100 per cent of the donated funds.

Scotiabank also awarded the top charity in three separate categories with an additional \$2,000, in-

cluding Crohn's and Colitis Canada (most registered runners), CameronHelps Team Unbreakable (largest total dollars raised) and Youth Unlimited (most raised per registered fundraising runner average).

The next Mississauga Marathon Scotiabank Charity Challenge will launch later in the fall. More information on the initiative can be found at www.mississaugamarathon.com/charity-challenge/.

The 2018 Mississauga Marathon is scheduled to take place from Friday, May 4 to Sunday, May 6 next year. The 2018 event will also include a health and wellness expo that will run at Port Credit Memorial Arena on May 4 and 5.

Registration is now open at www.mississaugamarathon.com.

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The Royal T blend Polo With the Prince revealed

by **Erica Phillips**

If you have sampled Lion Chai from T by Daniel in Brampton, you have had the same tea Daniel and Renata Lewis served Prince Charles during his visit to Ontario; furthermore, you can buy now buy Polo With the Prince, the special blend T by Daniel gave to the Prince to take home.

Polo With the Prince “consists of black tea, with strawberry, lemon balm, purple mallow flowers, red cornflowers, and calendula and sunflower petals. We came up with the blend after doing much research into what [the Prince] likes and how he takes his tea,” Renata said.

The Lion Chai blend is a dairy-free chai latte: a black tea base with an array of spices and a dairy-free creamer.



Daniel Lewis at T by Daniel with a photo from the “royal encounter”. Daniel is still pumped after he and his wife served tea to the Prince of Wales recently.

The dynamic husband and wife duo are still buzzing – as is the downtown shop – after the couple served tea to the Prince of Wales during his recent royal visit.

“Business has been great, with increased interest in

how we ended up serving the Prince and people wanting to try his blend,” Renata added.

The more-energetic-than-usual Daniel barely has time for photos. A picture of him and Prince Charles is posted behind the

front counter of his Main Street North store.

After the “Royal Encounter”, Daniel stands outside his shop at the downtown farmers’ market, while wearing one of his notorious costumes. Passers-by grabbed a sample of one of

Daniel’s teas and congratulated him on the special service.

“Everyone is very proud. We have been flooded with endless congratulations and support from our friends and customers,” Renata said.

Calling it one of the most incredible days of their lives, the Lewis’ were very nervous: “Both of our palms were sweating!”

Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall were visiting Ontario to commemorate Canada 150. Because of Daniel’s involvement as a speaker in the Prince’s Charities Canada youth entrepreneurship program, T By Daniel was on the Royal Family’s radar. The tea service took place at CFB Trenton.

“It was an absolutely incredible experience. You never imagine that something like this could ever happen, so to meet someone you grow up all your life seeing on TV, with such a historical background was truly an honour,” said Renata.

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Caledon urges drivers and residents to “Lock It or Lose It”

The Town of Caledon is urging local residents to stay vigilant and protect their valuables from theft, via the help of a new crime prevention initiative.

Theft from, and theft of vehicles, is an ongoing crime which directly impacts victims and places a strain on valuable police resources. This type of crime is not new, but is very often preventable through community engagement.

“Lock It or Lose It” is an award-winning crime prevention initiative, developed with support from the Insurance Bureau of Canada to encourage drivers to take simple precautions to help prevent crime and victimization.

Follow these simple tips to help prevent your vehicle from becoming a target of crime:

•Always roll up your vehicle’s windows and lock the doors;

•Never leave your vehicle unattended while running;

•If you have a garage, use it and lock both your vehicle and the garage;

•Never leave your vehicle keys in plain view or in an easily accessible area;

•Do not leave your vehicle registration certificate and proof of insurance in your vehicle;

•Always park your vehicle in a well-lit area;

•Never leave valuable



items or merchandise in plain view, use your trunk instead.

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Keeping Caledon safe is everyone’s responsibility.

Do your part. “Lock It or Lose It”.

PDN REVIEWS

Review: Past is Prologue in “Gramma”



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by **Kyle Climans**

Past and present are skilfully brought together in the new play *Gramma*, produced by the Mississauga-based Sawitri Theatre Group.

Presented by Jasmine Sawant and directed by Christina Collins, the play is based on Dr. Jane Fraser's book of the same name, covering the true history of Fraser's family in the Meadowvale area of Mississauga.

The play focuses on the character of Lillie Carberry as she grows up from a wide-eyed imaginative girl to a grown woman wearied by unspeakable tragedy, to an elderly lady who rediscovers the beauty in life through her family. Lillie's interactions with her mother, husband, daughter, and son-in-law reflect all the emotions of pure humanity, and the cyclical nature of life is represented in the double casting of all these roles in Lillie's life. Familiar faces come,

go, and re-emerge in new people, while Lillie's altered role in each conversation emphasizes just how much can change with time, yet still stay the same.

All these events are witnessed in the modern-day by Samantha Fraser and Raj Nilan, who provide their own interpretations of past events. In the vein of auteurs like Atom Egoyan, memories of the past are heatedly disputed by Raj and Samantha; each provides their own modern opinions, while also acknowledging their own personal anguishes. Just as Lillie's life is upended by great changes, so is the relationship between Raj and Samantha influenced by revelations which tear them apart as soon as pull them together.

The play handles this switching from past to present with a simple yet effective lighting strategy, allowing the actors to entrance their audience on the strength of their

performances. Specified musical cues sound as the years flash briefly before us, giving a foreshadowing of upcoming joy or sorrow. The simplicity of the set is done in a minimalist approach, and this also complements the overall vision of the play. It is fitting that such a focused story about one person's life should be so singular in its execution.

Cast and crew are to be lauded for their deft handling of a very personal story, which encapsulates so much of humanity in such a simple focus. The life of Lillie Carberry provides moments of joy, heartbreak, and hope. Jane Fraser's open and thoroughly researched look into her family translates very well to the stage, as done by the Sawitri Theatre Group.

Gramma will be performed on weeknights and weekends this summer at the Sampradaya Theatre in Mississauga.

Review: Odysseo brings horse and human harmony to Hershey Centre



Photo courtesy FLIP Publicity

by **Lachman Balani**

Odysseo, the big-top extravaganza that showcases the marvel of human and horse magnificence—is back in the GTA but this time in Mississauga, near the Hershey Centre.

This world-class show has travelled the globe and showcases equestrian arts and human gymnastics against a backdrop of state of the art theatrical effects on a humongous stage that comprises a hill three stories tall.

About 10,000 tons of rock, earth and sand are sculpted to create the vast space of freedom where humans and horses come to play in superb harmony.

This live multi-dimensional journey with layers of mesmerizing décor, live music, gravity-defying acrobatics by humans, slick stunts by horses and high definition computer graphic images projected onto an immense cyclorama using 18 projectors simultaneously just blows away the spectators' minds.

The journey starts from the Mongol period, and continues right up to modern-day times. Riders sporting long flowing robes and majestic horses, give a royal atmosphere to the whole scene.

There are even stunts

with humans riding standing and straddled across two horses. The show emphasizes the importance of horses in helping build bridges between cultures and expanding civilization by taking humans to various corners of the earth.

The odyssey is punctuated with human acrobats on stilts, including amazing continuous ground somersaults and stunning feats on a hanging carousel set in a black light environment.

Shooting stars and other heavenly bodies in the background lend to a surreal surrounding.

Following that stupendous visual feast, humans strut their stuff and pump adrenaline into the audience by riding horses on the side, upside down, and jumping off and on.

Viewers will also be treated to the beauty of horses lying on sand dunes, awakened by the sound of a harp and getting ready for their day.

There is also a playful and meaningful interactive scene where the performers get up and ask the audience to compete in singing “O walu guere moufan” (No more war on earth).

A trio of performers go up to the front of the stage and asks the audience on the right, middle and left

to sing the words out loud to see who can sing the loudest - a very enjoyable moment where both the patrons and performers interact and become one.

Performances set in an ice and glacial setting and a lingering scene where horses powering angelic aerialists in a four-person silks act that takes them into the skies will send you straight to heaven.

The evening ends with a fantastic crescendo, as the stage is inundated with multitudinous litres of recycled water in just a few minutes.

A magical virtual waterfall overhangs the resulting lake, in which horses, riders and artists join to frolic, leaving behind them the traces of their splashes and a stupefied audience.

The whole realization of this monumental ode to horses is accompanied by live musicians playing captivating music on violins, guitars, bass and drums accompanied by an enchanting crooner.

Odysseo is visual and audio poetry at its finest!

Odysseo has extended its stay in Mississauga and runs until July 30 with both matinee and evening shows. Stay tuned to Peel Daily News for a feature story on *Odysseo* later in the week.

Brampton Batman and Peel Daily News head out to the *Classic Cars Celebration*



Peeyush Gupta, chair of the Downtown Brampton BIA, Brampton Batman and Mayor Linda Jeffrey taking in Classic Cars and Legendary Stars in Downtown Brampton.

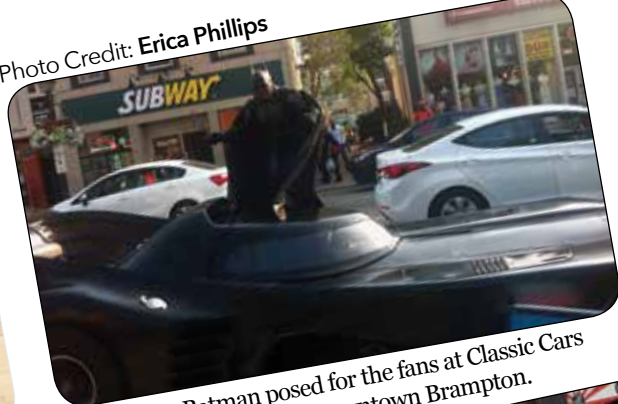


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Brampton Batman posed for the fans at Classic Cars and Legendary Stars in Downtown Brampton.



Admirers oohed, ahhed and took selfies with the many vintage vehicles that lined Main and Queen Streets in downtown Brampton on the weekend. The Classic Cars Celebration was hosted by the Downtown Brampton BIA and featured live music and parties the laneways



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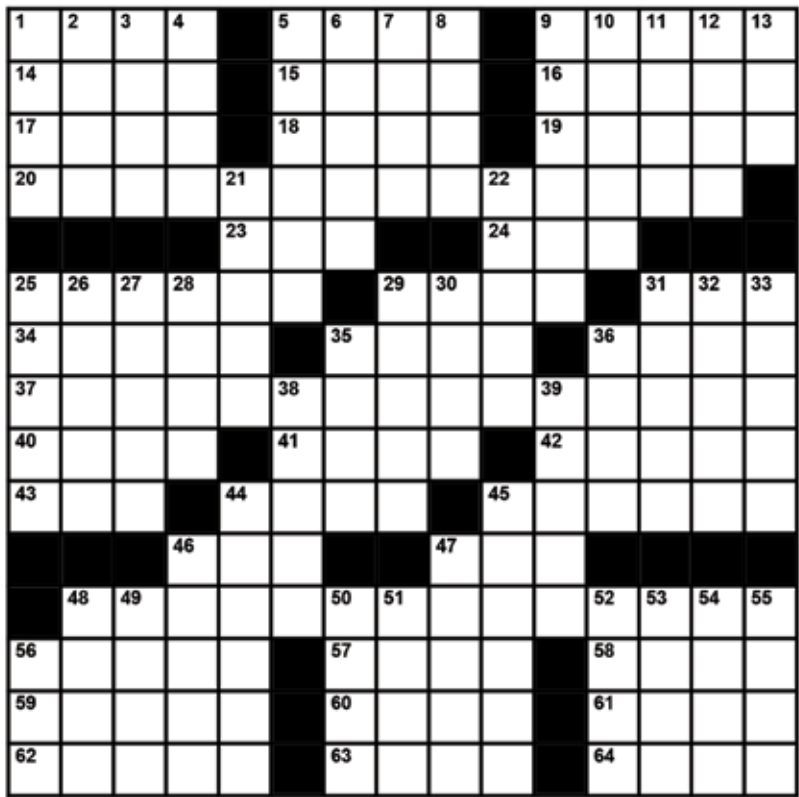
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- 5. Clarinet range
- 9. Detective comedy drama starring James Roday
- 14. "___ Blood" (TV drama)
- 15. Old money in Milano
- 16. Transmitting
- 17. Big plot
- 18. Debatable
- 19. Adds seasoning
- 20. "America's Native Spirit"
- 23. Paragon of stubbornness
- 24. Strong-scented herb
- 25. Highest degree
- 29. Schoolmarmish
- 31. Note on a musical scale
- 34. Rap sheet listing
- 35. Fledgling hawk
- 36. "Six Suites for Unaccompanied Cello" composer
- 37. Italian dish
- 40. Olympic event
- 41. Tin, gold...
- 42. Shankar lilts
- 43. TV room
- 44. Bad luck
- 45. Spice blend of India
- 46. Prickly seed case

DOWN

- 1. Brief effort
- 2. Pump stop
- 3. Guide
- 4. Prophet
- 5. Approximately
- 6. Motor City team
- 7. To believe, for Shakespeare
- 8. Swearing-in words
- 9. Play --- (feign death)
- 10. Chinese calendar animal
- 11. Connecticut university
- 12. Metropolis
- 13. 24 in a day
- 21. Big city in Iraq

- 22. ___ coffee
- 25. Increased
- 26. Balderdash
- 27. Fore-and-aft sail
- 28. Exude
- 29. Heat-resistant glass
- 30. Old clothes
- 31. Goatlike antelope
- 32. Pertaining to 8
- 33. Capital of Tibet
- 35. Bring in
- 36. Bikini parts
- 38. Silk variety
- 39. Muse of poetry
- 44. Younger
- 45. Members of Polynesian New Zealand
- 46. Pig out
- 47. Travelocity's roving man
- 48. Madison Avenue award
- 49. Clue
- 50. Unexciting
- 51. Paradise lost
- 52. Sailing vessel in the Middle East
- 53. 100,000 in India
- 54. Madrid and Paris cash
- 55. Criticize severely
- 56. Diner order

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